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CITY OF SAN DIEGO HELPS RESIDENTS SECURELY RECYCLE OLD TAX FILES
April is more than tax month; it's also Earth month

San Diegans can recycle their outdated tax files for free during Tax File Recycling, which runs April 9 through April 17, 2010 at the Miramar Recycling Center, located at 5165 Convoy Street San Diego, 92111.

The eighth annual event is sponsored by the City of San Diego and the Allan Company. Allan Company will provide secure containers at the Miramar Recycling Center for residents to drop off old files, which are securely stored and shredded before being recycled.

“Recyclable paper continues to be a large percentage of all waste buried in the Miramar Landfill,” said Chris Gonaver, director of the Environmental Services Department. “The City now accepts bagged, shredded paper through our curbside recycling program. For those residents without curbside collection or home paper shredders, this confidential recycling service ensures that all San Diego residents have a safe alternative for recycling their tax files.”

Tax file recycling is available to San Diego residents only and is limited to the equivalent of one banker's box per customer. Businesses can find document shredding services in the phone book under “Business Records Destruction.” Be sure to check with the IRS or a tax professional regarding how long tax documents are required to be kept on file. For more information about recycling tax files, please call the Environmental Services Department's customer service at 858-694-7000, or visit its website at www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services/.

The City of San Diego Environmental Services Department provides reliable waste management, resource conservation and environmental protection to preserve public health and ensure a sustainable community for future generations.

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